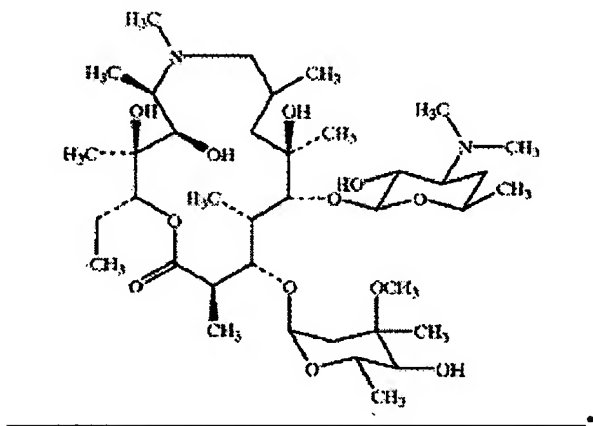


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Three times Amended) An ethanolate of azithromycin having an ethanol content of about 1.5% to about 3%, wherein the ethanolate is less hygroscopic than azithromycin monohydrate and wherein azithromycin has the structure



2. (Original) The ethanolate of claim 1, having a water content of about 2% to about 4%.

3. (Original) The ethanolate of claim 2, wherein the water content is between about 2.5% and about 3.5%.

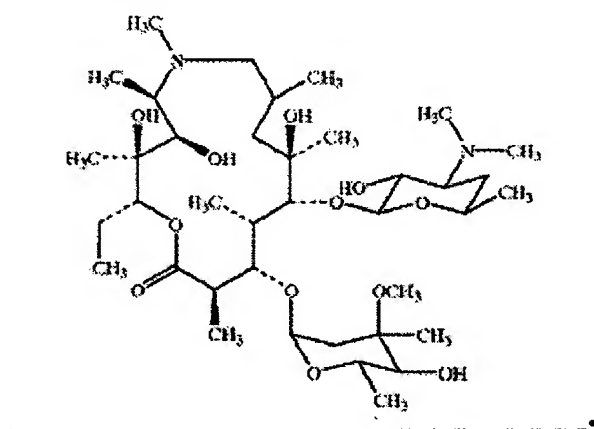
4. (Original) The ethanolate of claim 1, wherein the ethanol content is about 1.5% to about 2.5%.

5. (Original) The ethanolate of claim 4, wherein the water content is

about 2% to about 4%.

6. (Once Amended) The ethanolate of claim 5, wherein the water content is between [about 1.5% and] about 2.5% and about 3.5%.

7. (Five Times Amended) An ethanolate of azithromycin that is characterized by a powder x-ray diffraction pattern substantially as depicted in FIG. 2, wherein the ethanolate is less hygroscopic than azithromycin monohydrate and wherein azithromycin has the structure



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